



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items: April 5, 2012

Chairman: Gordon  
Others Present: Schaaf, Coffman, Smith, Nicolson, Orrill, Marshall, Lunghino  
Absent: Glover  
City Staff: Aaron Klemm  
Commission: None  
Council Members:  
Public: Lena Luna

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the March meeting moved by Gordon, seconded by Smith

#### III. Public Comments

Lena Luna with Luna Energy Corporation. EEMIS: Enterprise Energy Management Information System, funded by SCE and SC Gas Company local Government Strategic. Goals of the system include saving staff time, and automating utility billing data. Ms. Luna presented a two-foot tall stack of utility bills, which sparked the need for the program. Costa Mesa Fountain Valley, HB NB and Westminster participate. Huntington Beach is the implementer of the program, and Luna Energy Corp and LA County ISD Regional help with the other involved cities. The program automate utility billing data, allows staff to control energy usage, view month end usage, view real-time feed, and a reporting system. Makes technical report comparisons user friendly.

#### IV. Action Items:

- A. Executive Committee: Updates and Announcements-
  - i. The Grassy Knoll project. Gordon has been in contact with the HOA, and is initiating an Ocean Friendly Garden conversation.
- B. EIR
  - i. Skate Park EIR Debrief- EIR was certified at the last Planning Commission meeting.
- C. Field Trips
  - i. Eco Cover Factory – Working on a new date.
  - ii. Solar Walk –March 9th Girl Scouts presented on
  - iii. Orange Coast River Park – Date is set
  - iv. Environmental Nature Center- April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - vi. EcoLog- Located in Huntington Beach- postponed
- D. One time use bags Ad hoc Committee (Orrill, Coffmann, Marshall, Lunghino)
  - i. finalized comment letter, and sent to the planning department. Orrill mentioned the revised name for the bag ban, “Reusable Bag Policy Proposal”, and circulated a hand out of facts regarding plastic bags in California. Bag ban ordinance projected to go to council in June.
- E. Green and Solar Energy Committee (Smith, Gordon, Marshall, Lunghino)
  - i. SCE Regional Strategic Plan: Lena’s presentation related to this update.

- ii. HB Solar Project: Girl Scouts presented at HB City Hall Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Aaron provided a summary of the event.

**F. Communications (Glover, Smith, Orrill, Coffmann)**

- i. Chamber of Commerce issued a survey for Business Sustainable Action Committee (BSAC)- California Community College Foundation is participating with Village Green sponsoring an energy audit for midsize businesses to provide similar energy management as EEMIS for the city, but for small businesses. 15 small businesses participated in a survey. Launch was March 19th. Sustainable Surf City is the new program name.
- ii. Marketing, Education, & Outreach – Shipley Energy Renewable outreach by SCE
- iii. SCE 3rd Party Direct Install Walk- Over 600 businesses were contacted via the outreach walk.
- iv. Awards season –
  - CA Sustainability Showcase Award – Burbank Water and Power won first place.
  - CA Center for Sustainable Energy – Palm Springs won first place, and HB was runner-up.
  - USGBC-OC – awards on 1/26/12 – Anaheim won

**G. Environmental Awards (Marshall/Gordon/Schaaf/Nicolson)**

- i. Committee will meet on Monday to discuss better outreach and clearer applications.

**H. Water Quality Topics.**

- i. Prop 84 funding- Water/Storm water and Measure M2-\$18 million in grants available across the state for water quality and energy. Board received a response letter to the one that was sent last month, and Terry Elliot will speak to the board next month about grants they are chasing.

**VI. Administrative Items**

**A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements –**

- i. Smith mentioned some other regional desalination projects.
- ii. Gordon mentioned an article on HB talk about San Clemente's natural gas pipes.
- iii. Orrill mentioned a CalRecycle article about Earth Day events.

Request to place something on the next agenda – citizen request for the board to look at an Earth Year project, with an award available. The board will talk about this next month.

CPUC- New development may allow local governments to submit energy plans without utility company approvals.

**IX. Preview of next 3 meetings**

April- Water Quality & Grants with Teri Elliot from Huntington Beach Public Works

May- DTSC Green Chemistry Program with Patrick Molvay

June- Hurley H2O Hydration Stations with Ben Edwards (Tentative)

July- Zero Waste

August- Guy Stevers Landscape architecture

September- Greg Goran Ocean Friendly Garden Chairman

**VII. Good and Welfare**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 3rd, 2012 in room B7.